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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP IBRD IMF EAID PINR  
SUBJECT: LPDR DELEGATION TO THE WORLD BANK/IMF MEETINGS

REF: A VIENTIANE 1188, B 76 VIENTIANE 2519, C STATE 184669

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT BOUTSABONG SOUVANNAVONG, THONGCHAN UPLAVAN, AND BOUNHONG LUANGKHOT WILL REPRESENT THE LPDR AT THE WORLD BANK/IMP ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 26-29, REF A. BOUTSABONG IS THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FINANCE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND PROBABLE DELEGATION HEAD. EDUCATED IN FRANCE, BOUTSABONG IS ONE OF THE LPDR'S LEADING ECONOMISTS AND SEEMS TO MAKE A POLICY INPUT AT THE TOP LEVEL. BOUTSABONG ATTENDED THE ADB CONFERENCE IN MANILA APRIL 1977 AND THE WORLD BANK COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN 1975.

2. THONGCHAN UPLAVAN IS GOVERNOR OF THE LAO NATIONAL BANK AND APPARENTLY HAS GOOD CONNECTIONS WITH LPDR TOP  
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LEADERS PRIME MINISTER KAYSONE PHOMVIHAN AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE NOUHAK PHOUMSAVAN, BOTH OF WHOM HE SERVED AS PERSONAL ASSISTANT. WE FOUND HIM COURTEOUS AND WILLING TO LISTEN TO REASON WHEN WE FINALLY GOT ACCESS TO HIM DURING NEGOTIATIONS IN 1976 TO UNFREEZE US EMBASSY BANK ACCOUNTS HELD IN THE LAO NATIONAL BANK.

3. BOUNHONG LUANGKHOT IS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE LAO NATIONAL BANK. HE WAS EDUCATED IN HAWAII AND FORMERLY WORKED FOR THE ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT IN VIENTIANE.

4. ACTING UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE FRANK HARTVELT TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE MAY ALSO ATTEND THE WORLD BANK/IMP MEETING SO THAT HE CAN DISCUSS THE JOINT WORLD BANK/ UNDP VIENTIANE PLAIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, REFS A, B. CORCORAN

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